

March 13, 2009

Direct Phone Number: (713) 547-2229

Direct Fax Number: (713) 236-5570

john.eldridge@haynesboone.com

Ms. Barbara J. Aldridge (6SF TE)
Enforcement Officer, Superfund Division
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Ave., Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202

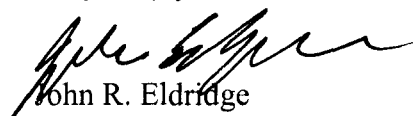
Re: Hercules Marine Services Corporation
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeal
Pending Determination by EPA on Confidential Business Information Claim

Dear Ms. Aldridge:

This is a preliminary response to your letter dated February 19, 2009 and a request for additional time to respond further. As we discussed on March 12, the documents in question were apparently not provided to EPA by my client Parker Drilling Company ("Parker") (or me on its behalf). While I was not able to locate the documents during a quick review of our files, the subject matters and entities reflected in them are familiar, and are similar to those found in materials produced by Parker to EPA in response to the Gulfco Marine Superfund matter.¹ Since I have not yet seen the documents in question, it is difficult to respond fully to the questions in your letter. EPA is still in the process of approving my request for copies of the documents. I request a two week extension of time to respond fully, with that time period running from the date I receive the documents.

I look forward to reviewing the documents in question and to responding fully to your FOIA appeal points at that time. Please confirm the request for additional time.

Very truly yours,


John R. Eldridge
JRE/sb

-771290_1.DOC

¹ For example, Parker provided to EPA a substantial number of Hercules Marine Services Corporation invoices that had been sent to Hercules Offshore Corporation from the same mid-1990's time frame. As described in previous correspondence from me to you, Parker merged with Hercules Offshore Corporation (a Texas corporation). Hercules Offshore had a service agreement with Hercules Marine Services Corporation.